

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) issued the following statement after the Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office bill was signed into law by President Obama:

“It’s an honor for me to announce my first bill signed into law is the Roy Boehm Post Office bill,” said Rooney. “Lieutenant Commander Boehm is a true American hero and deserves to be honored for his service to the Navy and for his role in forming the Navy SEALs. He dedicated his life to serving our nation and we are thankful for his service. I thank my colleagues in the Senate for quickly passing this legislation.”

Public Law 111-59 designates the post office at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte as the Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building.

LCDR Boehm enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and fought during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. In 1942 he participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance at Guadalcanal, one of the largest “all surface” sea engagements of WWII. He also was involved in action in Kerama Reto and Okinawa. During his service LCDR Boehm obtained qualifications in deep sea diving, deep submergence rescue chamber operator for submarine rescue, experimental diving, and salvage diving. He graduated from both Airborne and Ranger Training.

In 1961, under orders from President Kennedy LCDR Boehm developed and launched the Navy’s elite Sea, Air and Land forces unit known as the SEALs.

LCDR Boehm was a long-time resident of Charlotte County and he passed away in December of 2008.